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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 29, 2004. The response is being filed on or before December 29, 2004, thus making it a timely response. Although the Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 463037-00080; Docket No.: A-64558-1).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.